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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hitoshi MATSUMOTO *et al.*  
Serial Number : 10/019,402  
Filed : December 28, 2001  
Based on Int'l Appln. No. : PCT/JP00/04337  
For : COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS  
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND  
FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS  
CONTAINING THE SAME  
Examiner : D. A. Jagoe  
Group Art Unit : 1614

**VOLUNTARY AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 10, 2005

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are supplemental to those set forth in the response after final filed April 23, 2004. A request for continued examination (RCE) was filed in this application on August 23, 2004. Prior to the next examination on the merits, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application to be amended as set forth on the attached pages.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: